

Lesson 13

Question 13

Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Answer 13

Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

Memory Verse

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:10-12

Main Idea: The law has been kept perfect by only one, Jesus. No other human has or will be able to keep God’s law perfectly.

Outline for lesson 13

1. Open in prayer:

2. Review Activity: Supplies, whiteboard, marker & masking tape. Create a line with the tape for the children to stand behind it. Parent reads either the question or answer to the catechism and the child will run to write the number of the catechism answer or questions on the whiteboard. Scoring, 2 points for correct answer and 1 point for the fastest person to write the answer on the whiteboard.

3. Introduction: use the whiteboards and markers and ask each child to write down three of the worse crimes they can think of. Then have them rank them 1 being the worst. Let them know that these are all equal in God’s eyes. Now make a horizontal line and write innocent on the left and sinful on the right. Have them put a dot on the line where they think they are. Remind them that we have all broken God’s laws. Introduce the question. Tell them that God gave His law to show His people how to live, but we have all failed to keep his law perfectly, except Jesus.

4. Read: Ask children if they have ever gotten 100% on a test. Then ask if they always get 100% on all their tests. Perfection is impossible. Read Romans 3:9-20. Let them know that Paul was helping his readers know that they were in a very bad situation. The law shows us how sinful we are in front of God. Write down all the things in these verses that God says about people. What parts of the body is mentioned? There is no part of us that is not infected by sin. Ask them if the living room is clean, when they say “yes” tell them that it may look clean, but if we use a flashlight we can see dust and other dirt in the room. The flashlight is like the law. It lets us see where we have failed to live for God. Let them know that Jesus bears our punishment in order to restore our relationship with God. Tell them the plan of salvation.

5. Ask and discuss these questions:

Q: Why did God allow sin to enter the world?

A: God knew we would sin. He allowed it to happen so He could display His great love through Jesus.

Q: Why would it matter if I actually keep the law?

A: God is holy and just and must punish sin. If we fail to repent, one day we will stand before God.

Q: I’m not sure I’m a Christian. Will I face God’s punishment?

A: Repeat the plan of salvation for them.

6. Memory Activity: Write out the memory verse. Leave out all the vowels. Have children fill in the blank vowels. Then repeat it several times together.

